



Iowa's Creative Places Exchange

Friday, Oct. 23

The Iowa Creative Places Exchange is the annual gathering for the leaders of the designated Iowa Great Places and Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts. Representatives from these communities are invited for a morning of networking, learning and celebrating creative communities in Iowa.

This year's virtual event is designed to be a catalyst to strengthen communities through creative, multi-disciplinary planning and solutions. The day's speakers will address ways of creating change through arts, culture and equitable development, while a small group of problem-solving workshop will focus on actionable solutions to issues to challenges in communities across Iowa.

Registration is open now to currently designated Iowa Great Places and Iowa Cultural & Entertainment Districts. Recordings of



the sessions will be available after the event. For more information, contact Lindsay Keast at lindsay.keast@iowa.gov.

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Good News: Major Grant Awards

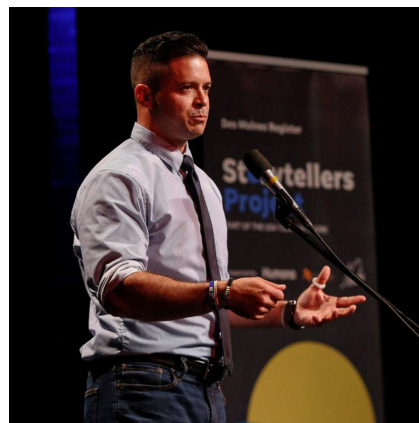
Three of Iowa's leading cultural nonprofits received substantial grants from the U.S. Regional Arts Resilience Fund. ArtForce Iowa in Des Moines, the Englert Theatre in Iowa City and the Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah each received about \$50,000 to help them weather the Covid-19 pandemic.

The national grant program is funded by the Mellon Foundation and regionally administered by Arts Midwest, [which distributed a total of \\$1.5 million to 30 organizations](#) in nine Midwestern states – chosen from a stack of more than 500 nominations.

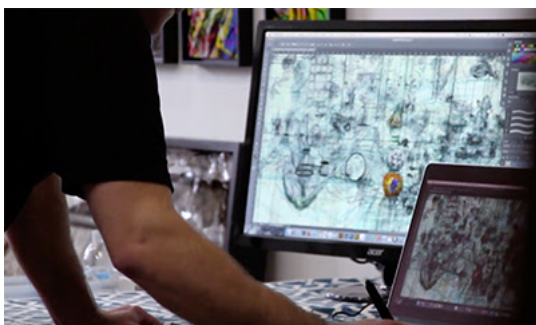
More Good News: Residency in Perry

Iowa storyteller Erik Dominguez has been selected for an arts residency with Art on the Prairie, in Perry, as part of an Arts Midwest program called [We the Many](#). The program funds residencies in rural areas to help challenge and expand the idea of what it means to be a Midwesterner.

(Erik told a [great story](#) just last month as part of The Des Moines Register's Storytellers Project.)



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Artist Workshops Set for October

BIG NEWS: The Iowa Arts Council is expanding this year's artist workshops to include an additional five participants to create more opportunities for Iowans statewide. Artists identifying as Black, Indigenous, or artists of color; LGBTQIA;

Applications Due Sept. 21

Artist workshop applications are due by noon on Sept. 21. The workshops are set for Oct. 3 (9 a.m.-noon) and Oct. 10 (9 a.m.-1 p.m.) Additional workshops for February and March will be announced as they are scheduled.

APPLY NOW

Travel the World

A program called USArtists International, organized by the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts, provides grants to send American dancers, musicians and theater artists to perform in cultural festivals and other venues outside the United States. As you might expect, they're offering a new virtual track and extending the window for travel: Apply by Oct. 1 for performances scheduled between Jan. 5, 2021, and June 30, 2022.

artists with disabilities; and/or rural artists will be prioritized. Participants will receive a stipend of \$250 for the series.

The virtual workshops integrate business management, strategic planning, fundraising, marketing and promotion, and more. [Strategic Planning Partners](#) will lead this year's workshops.



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Hit the Road

Download the free Iowa Culture app and discover more than 3,500 arts and culture landmarks across all 99 counties. Just in time for fall, enjoy two specially curated tours of the [Grant Wood Scenic Byway](#) in eastern Iowa and the [Loess Hills National Scenic Byway](#) in western Iowa, each filled with public artwork, cultural attractions and more. You may also enjoy the tour featuring the ["20 Artists, 20 Parks"](#) project to celebrate the 100th anniversary for Iowa's state parks.

Two Haikus for Poetry Out Loud

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It helps high schoolers
Learn to interpret poems
And proclaim their truth.



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Attention Educators & Teaching Artists

Have you heard of Throughline Arts? The nonprofit connects Iowa schools, artists and community organizations by providing support services for educators and a roster of teaching artists.

COMING UP

Professional Development

Sept. 25: [SEADAE 2020 National Conference](#)
Sept. 30: [Art Mums United](#)
Oct. 1: [2021 Harpo Fellowship](#)
Oct. 3-4: [“Writing Screenplays That Sell” Workshop](#)
Oct. 6-9: [Arts Midwest & Western Arts Alliance 2020 Conference](#)
Oct. 15: [Become a Visioning Community](#)
Oct. 15-17: [Iowa Dance Festival 2020](#)
Oct. 26: [World Alliance for Arts Education Virtual Seminar](#)
Nov. 18-21: [2020 National Guild for Community Arts Education Conference](#)

Calls for Artists

Sept. 20: [ACW Photo Contest](#)
Sept. 21: [Strategic Planning Partners Artist Workshops](#)
Sept. 28: [Kaleidoscope Story Time Series](#)
Sept. 30: [Materials: Hard & Soft International Contemporary Craft Competition & Exhibition](#)
Oct. 2: [Light Valley Junction](#)
Oct. 4: [Paperworks VII](#)
Oct. 6: [Chelsea International Fine Art Competition](#)
Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)
Oct. 11: [Imagine Museum](#)
Oct. 13: [VAST Art Magazine](#)

Oct. 30: [West Des Moines Public Art Advisory Commission](#)

Dec. 1: [The Painting Center](#)

Dec. 31: ["How's the weather here there?"](#)

Student Opportunities

Starting Oct. 1: [Virtual Arts Experience Grants](#)

Oct. 7: [Embracing Our Differences](#)

Dec. 31: [#CreateBecauseWeCare](#)

Grant Opportunities

Oct. 1: [USArtists International Support Amid Covid-19](#)

Nov. 2: [Performing Arts JAPAN](#)

Nov. 17: [The Hopper Prize](#)